

## A Convert to Liberty

When I left Germany I was 20 years old. I obtained military leave of absence for one year. That leave was extended for four years. That was the limit. Every German must serve his time when he is 25 years old. Nothing can change that.

But, meantime, I had settled and married an American girl. Needless to say, German military service did not interest me very much. Two weeks after my 25th birthday I received a formidable looking document from the military commander of Berlin. It was my notification that the day after I was expected to report for service I had been duly tried by court-martial on a charge of absence without leave. The military court had found me guilty and imposed a sentence of 16 days in a military fortress, with the alternative of a fine of 160 marks. I was to present myself immediately for duty.

When war was declared in 1914 I again received a memorial, with the royal seal of blue and white eagle. This time I was informed that if I reported without delay to the nearest military authority royal amnesty would be granted to me.

I have reported for duty—to the war department of the United States; and I hope that a place will be found for me somewhere.

The German system is everywhere; it concerns itself with everything; it works at all times. If the system decides that frightfulness is the proper procedure, then nothing is permitted to stand in the way of execution or orders.

A cobblestone, a woman, a house,



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a child, a church, a cripple, a tree, an old man — all are military obstacles. The cries of stabbed non-combatants are horrible to the ears of a German soldier; but more horrible is the general's wrath.

The German loves his family. He is good to his wife, and his children are dear to him. If you call him a hun, a barbarian, you misunderstand him. He is a human being; more sentimental, more idealistic than most of you.

But carved into his brain, into his heart, into his soul, are the words that mean more to him than the Ten Commandments: With God, for king and fatherland!

That is what America is fighting for, to replace those words with the three others — Liberty! Equality! Fraternity! — Erich Brandies, in the Saturday Evening Post.

### LOOK FOR GENERAL INQUIRY

A Washington dispatch, dated Oct. 15, says: Investigation by the senate judiciary subcommittee into the purchase of the Washington Times by Arthur Brisbane with the aid of money advanced by brewers very likely will develop into a general inquiry into the activities of German propagandists in this country.

This was indicated tonight by members of the committee after information obtained by the army intelligence service had been submitted to the committee in executive session. Senators declined to discuss the information, but announcement was made that Capt. G. B. Lester of the army intelligence service had been subpoenaed to appear next Tuesday, when the inquiry will begin. It also was understood that George Creel, chairman of the committee on public information, would be called.

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### BOOKS RECEIVED

"We'll Stick to the Finish!" "C'est la Guerre" (It is the war). A Voice from the Soldiers and Sailors Overseas—Peoples and Places Visited in the War Zones. By Joe Mitchell Chapple. Chapple Publishing Company, Boston, Mass. Price \$2.00.

Wireless Messages. Possibilities through Prayer. By C. N. Broadhurst. Fleming H. Revell Company, Publishers, New York, Chicago and Toronto.

Thrift. By Orison Swett Marden, Author of "Character," "Cheerfulness," etc. 12mo, 102 pages and 4 portraits, net 75 cents. Published by Thomas Y. Crowell Company, New York.

The American Spirit. Addresses in War-Time. By Franklin K. Lane, Secretary of the Interior. Frederick A. Stokes Company, Publishers. Price 75 cents, net.

Wonder Poems of Life and Love. By J. Trevor Roberts. Published by the Author. P. O. Box 293, Santa Ana, Cal.

Love's Way, author of "Every Man a King," etc. Price \$1.25, net. Thomas Y. Crowell Company, Publishers, New York.

Not Taps, But Reveille. By Robert Gordon Anderson. G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York and London.

What Every American Should Know About the War. A Series of Studies by the Greatest Authorities of Europe and America covering every aspect of the Great Struggle. Delivered at the National Conference

of American Lecturers, Washington, D. C., April 8-13, 1918. Edited by H. Doran Company, New York. Montaville Flowers, Chairman of the conference. Published by the George D. C., April 8-13, 1918. Edited by H. Doran Company, New York. Price \$2.00, net.

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